# **Grier Hopkins—House District 4 Representative—Alaska Democratic Party Primary Candidate (D)**

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**Age:** 35

Place of Birth: Fairbanks, AK

Occupation: UniServ Director for NEA-Alaska

Length of Residency in Alaska: 32

Alaskan Communities Lived in: Fairbanks, AK

#### **Education:**

West Valley High School 2002 University of Washington 2006

## **Service Organization(s) Membership:**

Fairbanks Youth Soccer Association - Treasurer Fairbanks Central Labor Council - Trustee

## **Special Interests:**

Fishing
Home Construction
Youth Sports
Skiing
Community Education and Service
Axe Throwing

#### Other:

I worked as a legislative aide for six years, and know how Juneau operates. Today, I work for Alaska's educators, and as a product of our local public schools, I understand we must put parents, students, and educators' voices first, so our students have the tools to succeed.

I have worked with boards, community organizations, and neighbors across our district to connect ideas and reach our goals. Our community has taught me that we have to work together, and I look forward to bringing your voice to Juneau.

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#### **Position Statement:**

I believe in the power of our community. I was raised with our neighborhood values of compassion, open mindedness, and tenacity. I've spent my personal and professional life fighting for Alaskans and know what it takes to reach solutions on the challenges before us-- healthcare, economic development, our environment, better statewide internet access, and equality for all our neighbors.

I believe that Alaskan dollars must be put toward Alaskan workers and families. I will fight to lower out-of-state employment on the North Slope, and create a sustainable capital budget that allows Alaska to plan for our future and for new infrastructure. We cannot lay off Alaskan workers while we are in a recession. Further, I will work to lower student debt, and create an incentive for the next generation of our leaders to come home and build Alaska's future.

Alaska's students and educators must have a say in how education policy works in our state, and I will continue to fight for their voices to be heard over politicians and special interests. I will fight for a public education system that is fully funded, and sets our students up to succeed. We must also restore cuts to our world-renowned university, an important economic and cultural investment.

I will bring new energy to preserve and protect our beautiful and abundant state for future generations. Alaskans share many values, and if we carry those values forward, together, we will achieve great things.



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